

## **CARES ACT Update!**

The CARES ACT provisions were extended into 2021 with the signed 12-27-2020 stimulus bill.

### **A Gift to Charitable Donors extended into 2021!**

There are some simple provisions in the *CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act* that can benefit both charitable donors and non-profits such as St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

- If you typically take the standard deduction when filing your taxes, you can take an "above the line" tax deduction for up to \$300 of cash charitable contributions. That means taxpayers can take the deduction even if they don't itemize!
- If you itemize deductions, the *CARES Act* temporarily increases the tax-deductible limit for cash charitable contributions up to 100% of your adjusted gross income. That's huge!
- Also, Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs and other qualified retirement accounts are suspended for 2020. That said, an IRA owner who is 70 ½ or older can still make qualified charitable distribution (QCDs) of up to \$100,000.

The temporary changes in the CARES Act are intended to encourage charitable giving, making this year a great opportunity to make a gift to the non-profits you hold dear, including St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

**For more information**, go to the IRS Tax Tips web page: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-the-cares-act-changes-deducting-charitable-contributions>

*Donors are encouraged to consult with their tax professional before acting on this information.*

### **Let The Foundation help you fulfill your charitable intentions**

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